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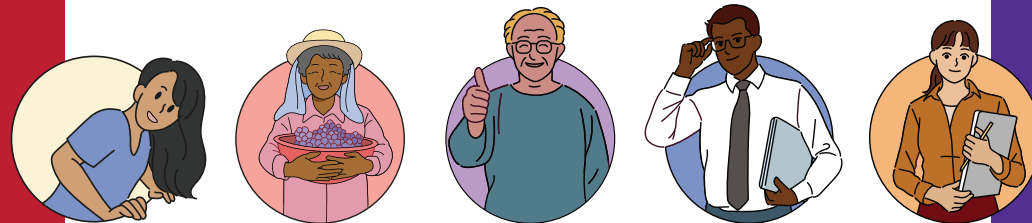
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Presenting the Good Neighbor Award

Neighbor to Neighbor Awards Ceremony



July 25, 2022

Celebrating those who are
creating a better community!

About Goddard

For more than 100 years, Goddard Riverside has been committed to investing in people and strengthening community by meeting New Yorkers' most essential needs. Goddard Riverside provides comprehensive educational, cultural and recreational programs for New Yorker of all ages, including early childhood education, after school, employment support, college access, youth programs, homeless outreach, senior centers and legal assistance.

Preparing Children and Youth for Success

The goal of this program area is for children and youth to thrive, contribute positively, and successfully prepare for the next stages in their lives. This includes Early Childhood Education, Afterschool Programs, Summer Day Camps, Beacon Program, Performing Arts Conservatory, Star Learning Center, and Rise Youth Center.

Supporting Self-Sufficiency and Financial Independence

We work to help young adults secure education and employment opportunities toward meaningful career pathways. This includes Options Center, Options Institute, Learning to Work, Advance and Earn, and sector-based career training.

Enriching the Lives of Older Adults

Goddard Riverside is committed to helping older adults experience an optimal quality of life. This includes Senior Centers, NORCs (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community), Phelps House and Meals on Wheels.

Promoting Behavioral Health and Wellness

The goal of these programs is for each person to maximize their individual abilities and reach their fullest potential. This includes the ACT Team, TOP Clubhouse, TOP Opportunities and Green Keepers.

Fighting Homelessness and Supporting Housing for All

We believe all New Yorkers must have stable and affordable housing. We conduct homelessness prevention work and manage Supportive Housing. This includes Homeless Outreach, The Baxter Safe Haven, Capitol Hall, The Senate Residence, West 140th Street, Corner House, and the Law Project.

Strengthening Families & Communities

These programs support families and communities to be self-directed and thriving. This includes Community Arts, the Resource Center as well as Advocacy and Community Organizing.

For more detailed information on all our programs, please visit us at www.goddard.org.

Upcoming Events

Save the Date
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH 6:30 PM
Social Justice Never Sleeps
THE 2022 GODDARD RIVERSIDE BASH
Monarch Rooftop
71 West 35th Street
Presenting the shortlist for the
Goddard Riverside
Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice
& CBC Youth Book Prize for Social Justice
WWW.GODDARD.ORG/BASH2022



Past Winners

Visit our website for past winners.

www.goddard.org/goodneighborawards



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Program

Reception	5:30 PM
Emcee	John Del Vecchio
Welcoming Remarks	Rod Jones <i>Executive Director</i>
Remarks	Evie Joselow <i>Representing committee and purpose of the award</i>

Presentation of Good Neighbor Awards

Awardee(s)	Presenter
Linda Carter Cooper	Teniqua Cooper
Ann Cutbill Lenane	Kevin McNeilly
Mark Diller	Gale Brewer
La'Dreamer Lark <i>& Dreamer Daisy Jones-Lark</i>	LaKiesha Brandon
LeVera Sutton	Larry Wood
Alan Winson	Nicholas Martin Smith

Good Neighbor Awards 2022

The Good Neighbor Awards are being presented to the following in recognition of their extraordinary work as volunteers in helping build a better community.



Linda Carter Cooper for promoting and advocating for her community. She has been an Upper West Side staple for over 40 years aiding her neighbors who were experiencing issues with housing, with their child's schools and aiding elderly and/or sick and shut-in individuals. She has cared for many seniors in the neighborhood who lived alone and had no family or friends. She has assisted many UWS residents by advocating for causes including rent stabilization and providing valuable information and support to her neighbors. She has helped countless individuals navigate housing issues and the public school system in NYC.

Mark Diller for long standing service and community leadership. He is a member of Community Board 7, and is a former Board Chair, Co-Secretary, and Co-Chair of various committees and task forces. Mark is also the Manhattan representative on the NYC Civic Engagement Commission. Prior to CB7, Mark was an active education advocate, PTA president and School Leadership Team Co-Chair, a presenter at each Harlem Schools Summit, and frequent parent advocate for greater equity and funding for public schools. Mark also previously harvested leftover produce and baked goods to support a local soup kitchen, and lead grant-writing efforts and fundraising events to support public schools.

LaDreamer Lark (and 8 yr. old daughter Dreamer Daisy) for their initiatives to support schools and community members during COVID. This powerful mother and daughter duo supported others in the height of the pandemic, by tirelessly assembling care packages with hand sanitizer, re-usable face masks, toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion, and words of encouragement. They sparked a mask distribution drive in February 2021, giving away over 25,000 masks to the community and local small businesses for redistribution. La'Dreamer & Daisy Helping Hands Foundation Inc. has provided children with extracurricular activities and student resources such as homework help, job training, and college application assistance.

“One Block” founded by Ann Cutbill Lenane & Jake Russell for their focus on maintaining a cleaner Upper West Side. Ann Cutbill Lenane, a broker with Douglas Elliman, started this UWS mammoth block association from the West 70s to West 96th St. to get people to pick up trash and clean in response to the NYC Sanitation Dept their budget cut from 3 times weekly emptying street corner trash baskets to twice a week. This effort has engaged a whole host of community volunteers thereby connecting neighbors to make a huge difference.

LeVera Sutton for her extraordinary devotion to community organizing through advocacy and building relationships and connections. LeVera has worked with a community tenant committee from her Harlem SRO supporting work for stronger rent and eviction protections--and for a “Right to Counsel” for tenants in housing court; she has been a spokesperson and leader on behalf of all SRO tenants. She consistently engages other people to learn about their rights as tenants and refers people to Goddard Riverside and other organizations that can assist them.

Alan Winson for his passion for the community and podcasting. For many years Alan has had an impact through podcasts addressing social issues and activism. Connecting the arts to the community, bringing to the for front topics of social impact, and most recently bringing people together during the lockdown and through the pandemic. During the lockdown Alan felt the need to connect with artists who could no longer work since all their venues had closed. He created the podcast ‘Hunkered Down’ for which he interviewed actors and musicians. In his interviews he encouraged them to talk about their work, helped them connect to their sense of purpose and helped keep the creative world alive.